

The Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Dear The Federal Communications Commission,

Congratulations on your appointment to Chair the FCC. In your new leadership role, I urge you to support the "Fair Share Plan" as a solution to current concerns with the Universal Service Fund (USF). The Fair Share Plan will keep the USF fair, ensuring that consumers like me do not pay the same rate into the USF as big businesses, regardless of how little I may use long distance.

The Keep USF Fair Coalition submitted the Fair Share Plan to the FCC on January 31, 2005. It expands who pays into the USF so that other technologies - not just phones - pay into the system. The Fair Share Plan collects the USF using a combination numbers- and revenue-based plan. This keeps the system fair, equitable and non-discriminatory.

Under the flat fee or numbers-based plan you are considering, people like me who make few long distance calls would pay the same as people or businesses that make many calls. I believe it would be unfair to charge low-volume and residential customers the same fees as high-volume residential or business customers.

I urge you to keep the USF fair, and adopt the Fair Share Plan. Additionally, please consider those folks who are financially challenged, such as on disability, or a fixed income. The meager earnings of these people can no where near compete with big business. These people are an extremely large percentage of the voting population. It is most likely that when a large corporation sets prices on consumer products or services, they have already incorporated such phone taxes into their pricing--this is the way business works. No one wants to, or can afford to, pay twice, which is what what would happen if the Fair Share Plan is defeated.

Thank you, and best of luck in your new position.

cc: Marlene Dortch, Secretary

Sincerely,

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